One-Woman Show
Presents

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Is there someone... you've set your heart on?

No. No one...

Hyphon..

Reisha... hey, I'm your daddy...

Dear, look! She's smiling...

UWAAAH! Where are you, bakemono!?

Aaa-

Aa-

AAAH-

Are you going to be late again today?

Hey, hey, Otousan!

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Where are you... damned... bakemono ...

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I'll kill you! Damn you!

Hyphon... Rei...sha...

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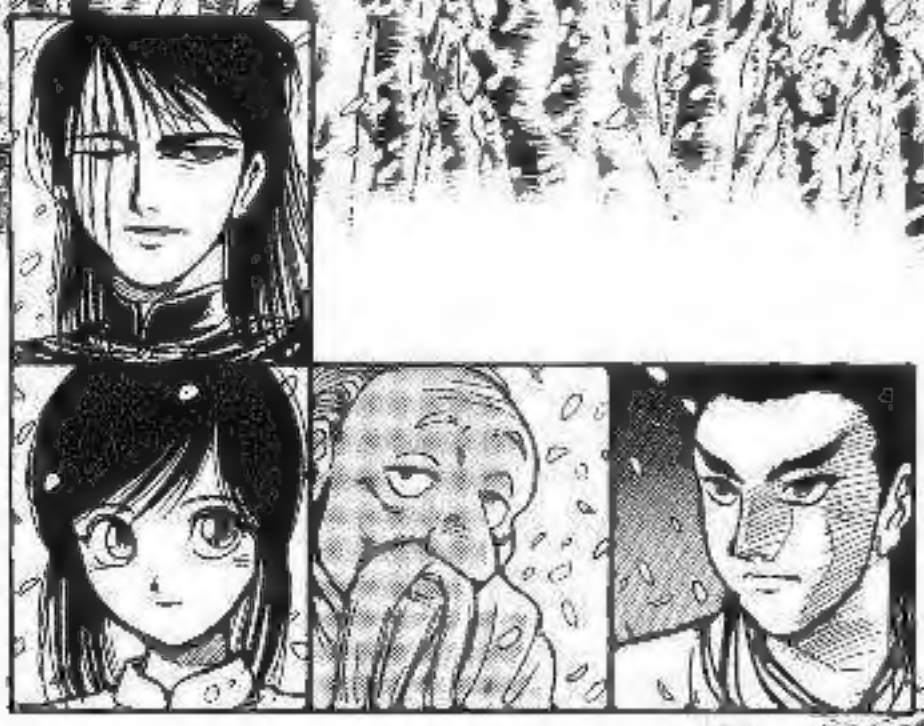

Back then, something inside me changed.

And about another feeling...

I remember it...even now.

The day a man came from that other world...

A man who taught me, who had only known laughter,

about terrible sadness-

Why don't you accept Riou's advances?

Hm?

Hey, Min Shia.

Grr! Noisome birds!!

I'll sing a song to match their beauty and you can dance along...

Min Shia, the eastern plum trees are changing colors today.

Min Shia still doesn't get it! If I were you, I would accept.

Come on! I just think it's a little soon. Besides-

Oh, speak of the devil!

I'm going to Sensei's place to draw him some water.

Mi-Min Shia!

You're still hanging around with the old man? He's a hermit sennin*. He can make the jug fly up himself!

Come now, Min Shia! You haven't fallen in love with this human, have you?

Of course not! He's an old man.

Sennin- immortal mountain wizard

Something's happening at the edge of the forest.

Min Shia!

What! A human?

It happens sometimes. He must have lost his way...

Let's go, Min Shia. The flowers will cover the corpse after a while...

Typhon.. Rei... sha...

Ugh... Ungh..

He's still breathing...

Come on, Min Shia.

Hmm.

Can you save him, Sensei?

His left eye's been gouged out. He's been wandering around the mountains without medical care for a day and night. Foolish...

I beg of you!

As he lay there, he called out names. If he dies, those feelings will remain! I don't want to see him become a soul that cannot pass to the next life.

No! Save him, please!

That's not it...It may be that it was his intention not to be saved.

Ah, here it is! A water dragon crystal made from a polished blue crystal kept in holy ground for 100 years.

Um, it's has to be here somewhere...

Hmm. I thought it impossible for you to shed the usual calm manner you've spoken with up to this point, Min Shia...

I-I'm sorry.

We'll put this in place of the man's eye.

Sensei, thank you...

It's noth-ing.

Do you know where Min Shia is?

She's been spending all her time at the old man's place. She's anxious about that human. What will you do, Riou?

How is he doing?

Hmm...

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Uwaaaah! Damned bakemono!

But... he's a strange man.

Really? Thank goodness.

Aside from his eye, he's perfectly fine.

What's all this now?

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Doushi- a person of high morals, Taoist spiritualist

I am just a hermit. Some call me a doushi*.

Who are you?

KIN!

This is Min Shia. Before, you were in the human world. This may be hard for you to accept, but she is a plum tree spirit.

This is Toukagen... called Toukakyou by some...

This is not a dream. This place is real.

Sennin-sama! Please teach me the sennin arts! The art of destroying bakemono!!

Exactly. Occasionally, people like you will stumble into it... You probably don't believe me, but, well, you should rest here before you return.

Toukagen? I've read about it. A paradise where plum trees bloom in profusion and the flow of time stops...

h m why he wanted me to teach h m he said noth ng

Teach me the arts beg of yo

f were the before wo d have do bted th s B t now d ng to th s m racle

He was nsistent that teach h m so told h m wou d if he cou d retrieve a dragon sca e from the bottom of the ake t s kely mpossible, but

might at everyth ng he does

frightening

M n Sh a Don't fa n

nto hope essness

w sh to speak w th you a one

R ou

M n Sh a

come too

Sorry m go ng to ake now

I said to go away!

No no Ch dren go away

we can ta k ke th s

hate peop e who ★o ₄d menace b rds and ch dren so o ₄d y

M n Sh a

It's impossible for a normal human to get a dragon scale from there

...st to get to the bottom

can t be eve t

Thank goodness He s com ng to

ngh

Heh guess have to teach you the sennin arts

You shou d thank M n Sh a before that She s been n rs ng you s nce she bro ght you from the ak e w thout even stopp ng to p t clothes on

R rea y ?

Sv ta rifv ng flesh and b ood a man trans ends fe and death and be comes one with Heaven Th s s true en ghtenment

Dnre you have th s you can fo ow the senn n path You w need to ach eve th s

Hyah

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What a pa n

Thank you so much

No just

muscles magnify power rising up into your head

Feel the k around ng your body Then

This s breaking senn n aw but we

old man k ng some time

Wh only teach yo what yo must do

A sea gives a sma p sh and passes o t strength borrowed from tree wi

heaven v v n and v ang comes from th ngs ke h man tree

A s apdash sea cannot

bakemono

vo m st ded cate a vo r menta and phys ca strength to t

Why are you doing this?

Come now, is that true? You should stop this

Look at the plum blossoms. How beautiful they are

It won't make the dead happy

Stop this. Forget about it. Better to live the rest of your few with fun and pleasure

Is that wound from a bakemono? Is it vengeance?

Fuhn we do as you be

I'll have nothing left!

Fuh fuh

I have to stop. I have nothing

Please, enough

This is a have to live for

don't know what to do for the dead but

Let's go Min Sha

Hmph Doing it's just useless

It's better than doing nothing

Fuhn don't get it Give up a this practice How could you hope to defeat a bakemono anyway?

That feeling

I don't know if there was some other reason but I found myself more and more interested in this strange man

Back then you could not rely on him to save

I'm sorry to disturb you

You surprised me

Hey hey Minsha neechan let's play

Tetetet

It was possibly one I had never felt before

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They went to get honey in the southern mountains
Oh my where's everyone else?

I hope it opens soon
When it opens, it will become a cyborgan an eye able to see evil spirits
Sense says it will not open until my heart changes

Your other eye hasn't opened yet
まさ"

Don't ever say-
that name again

Um you were talking in your dream before and you said the name "Hyphon"

Yes as do

Say ng that he turned h s back and somehow he seemed sma

m sorry

Ah no

was terr fied ng n To kagen had never been assau ted by s ch a show of anger

m sorry

h m

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There was noth ng co d do tor h m

was embarrassed morhhed hadn t been ab e to nderstand the man one b f

m so sorry

Ah Oneechan where are you go ng?

R ou

You've been here 15 years now. Only 2 years have passed in the human world though. Your technique's really shaping up. But your sendou could use some work.

Thank you.

Riou's kidnapped Min Shui!

W what!?

necessary between a man and woman. You maidens wouldn't understand

ere are many bakemono not spoken of here that bear a

especially ferocious

Where's the point in returning to the bitter human world only for

yes yes
M n h a
wou d be
so happy

Poor
man

How
sad

You ve forced me
to do th s
M n Sh a
You wouldn t
understand my
fee ngs

R ou stop
We re at ut
to eave
To kagen
We can t go
o ts de

back when
we re o.t of

Th s ch·d
.et th ɛ ch d
go She has
noth·ng to do
w th th s

t s the
border of
To .k agen

Someone help

This is enough!
by al

Surround the area!

AAAAAAAAH

Kin!

Demon Destruction!

...Ill the justice of heaven blow you to bits!

Baaaaa-stard!!

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Damn you!!

You kill women!

You kill child-ren!!

15 Lightning Techniques! Four Explosions!

DAMN YOU!!

KIN!

And yet I...

And yet...

My daughter... always had to play by herself...

She had dimples when she smiled...she was a good woman...

My wife... was my friend since childhood...

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There was nothing I could do... So I just held him silently...

The human man just cried in my arms.

...thank you.

You're... a fool...

If it's me, I'll leave and you can stay here with her!

Min Shia loves you.

But...how can you leave?

You... are a plum tree in Toukagen in the fullness of bloom...

A spoil of war...

...I'd like to know the name of the shadow under the plum tree...

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I get as close to the plum tree as I possibly can...

And I'm the shadow that falls on the earth under that tree.

I will.

Please keep it for me, Min Shia...

I will leave that name here.

My name is-

His lonesome smile will forever live here in my shadow.

Even though he walked away from here to another life...

The man whose blue eye was filled with a sadness as heavy as lead...

I remember even now.

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The End